

REMARKS

In the Official Action of June 7, 2011, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups of claims:

Group I. Claims 1-11, drawn to a drawn to a mixer for combining a powder material and a liquid material.

Group II. Claim 12, drawn to a method of combining a powder material and a liquid material.

Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I, i.e. claims 1-11.

To expedite prosecution, claims 1-6 and 12 have been cancelled, and as such, claims 7-11 remain pending. Applicants note that claims 7-11 were examined and deemed allowed over U.S. Patent No. 1,501,527 (Darrah) in the Supplementary European Search Report of the European counterpart patent application No. 05727023.3 (a copy of which was submitted in the IDS filed May 3, 2011). Applicants therefore believe that the currently pending claims 7 to 11 are now in a condition of allowance.

As noted above, Applicants have amended the claims based on the allowable subject matter in the European counterpart patent application No. 05727023.3 in order to facilitate advancement of the instant application to allowance. Nothing in this amendment should be considered an explicit or implicit disclaimer of the cancelled subject matter or an explicit or implicit dedication of subjection matter. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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more continuation and/or divisional applications directed to the originally filed claims and/or disclosed and unclaimed subject matter.

If the Examiner desires personal contact for further disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned Attorney at 603.668.6560.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them to our deposit account No. 50-2121.

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